



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

TO: The Governing Board

FROM:  Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Executive Officer

DATE: February 7, 2007

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item VI(h): Consideration of resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement(s) over approximately one acre (APNs 4438-035-009 and 010), Topanga Canyon watershed.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Governing Board adopt the attached resolution authorizing acceptance of conservation easement(s) over approximately one acre (APNs 4438-035-009 and 010), Topanga Canyon watershed.

Background: The California Coastal Commission (Commission) has requested that Mountains Restoration Trust (MRT) accept fee title to two approximately ½-acre lots to be used as a Transferable Development Credit lots as part of the coastal development permit process. The Commission wanted a conservation easement to be recorded over the lots, and MRT has offered one or more conservation easements to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA). In 2006, the MRCA had tried to purchase the subject property when they were tax defaulted, but the properties were redeemed. The subject properties are between State Parks parkland and MRT owns three other lots in the vicinity. There is no brush clearance on the properties and the properties are generally inaccessible.